



DEKALB COUNTY



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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP
YOUR OPPORTUNITY | OUR PRIORITY

As a pioneer in the automotive industry, DeKalb County is a thriving location for commerce and industry. The County is rich in history, innovation and small-town hospitality. DeKalb County boasts excellent transportation systems including four interchanges on I-69, three major dual-line rail tracks and an award-winning regional airport. Cities and towns in DeKalb County include Ashley, Auburn, Butler, Corunna, Garrett, Hamilton, St. Joe and Waterloo.

COMMUNITY ASSETS & ACCOLADES

- Three rail lines owned by CSX and Norfolk Southern
- Easy access transportation with multiple exits off I-69

- Nine museums, four libraries and a genealogy center
- Auburn ranked in LendingTree.com's 2020 Top 25 cities for young families to live in Indiana
- Auburn ranked one of the safest cities in Indiana by Alarms.org in 2020



DEKALB COUNTY TALENT MADE BETTER

POPULATION¹

Total Population, 2021	43,333
% Change 2016:2021	1.6%
Median Age, 2021	39.3

LABOR FORCE

Labor Force, May 2022 ²	22,194
Median Household Income, 2020 ¹	\$62,411
% of Population Ages 20-64, 2021 ¹	56.7%
60-Mile Radius Labor Force, 2021 ³	787,950

EDUCATION SYSTEMS

School Districts ⁴	3
Total Number of Students, 2022 ⁵	7,246
High Schools, 2022 ⁴	3
Middle Schools, 2022 ⁴	3
Elementary Schools, 2022 ⁴	7
Regional Colleges & Universities ⁶	10
Approx. Regional Enrollment, Fall 2021 ^{6,7}	36,390

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT¹



< Grade 9
1.9%



Grade 9-12
7.1%



High School
43.9%



Some College
19.8%



Assoc Degree
9.3%



Bach Degree
13.2%



Grad Degree
4.8%




"My company **relocated its headquarters to downtown Auburn in 2020**. We considered several locations but decided on DeKalb County for two reasons. First, because of the invaluable **assistance and collaboration from government departments and officials** that helped make the process simple. The second reason was the overwhelming enthusiasm of our employees and their desire to locate in a vibrant downtown and walkable community. **This allows us to attract from a large pool of talent** from the Fort Wayne metropolitan population and beyond to fill positions as our company and this community grows."


Chris R. Straw | President
Team Quality Services

ACCESSIBILITY⁹

Nearest MSA	Fort Wayne, 20 miles
Nearest International Airport	Fort Wayne International Airport (FWA), 30 miles
Airport Runway Length	11,981 feet
Distance to Interstate	Less than 5 miles
Nearest Port	Toledo-Lucas County Port, 95 miles
Foreign Trade Zone Availability	FTZ-182

UTILITIES⁹

 Indiana Michigan Power, Municipal Electric Departments (Auburn and Garrett), NIPSCO, Noble REMC, Steuben REMC

 Most of the cities and towns in DeKalb County provide water, sanitary and storm sewer

 NIPSCO

 Auburn Essential Services, AT&T, Mediacom, Verizon

Sources

¹ U.S. Census Bureau

⁶ National Center for Education Statistics

² U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

⁷ Ivy Tech Community College

³ Hoosiers by the Numbers

⁸ Indiana Economic Development Corporation

⁴ Indiana Department of Education

⁹ DeKalb County Economic Development Partnership, Inc.

⁵ STATS Indiana

MAJOR EMPLOYERS⁹



COUNTRIES PRESENT IN COUNTY⁸



TARGET INDUSTRIES⁹

- Distribution & E-Commerce
- Technology
- Vehicles

INCENTIVES⁹

» State Incentives

- Community Revitalization Enhancement District Tax Credit (CRoED)
- Data Center Sales Tax Exemption
- Economic Development for a Growing Economy Credit (EDGE)
- Headquarters Relocation Tax Credit (HRTC)
- Hoosier Business Investment Tax Credit (HBI)
- Industrial Development Grant Fund
- Patent Income Tax Exemption
- Research & Development Incentives
- Skills Enhancement Fund (SEF)
- Venture Capital Investment Tax Credit (VCI)

» Tax Abatement

» Opportunity Zones

» Tax Increment Financing (TIF)

» Facade Grants

Scan code or call DeKalb County by contacting Anton King at the DeKalb County Economic Development Partnership, Inc. at (260) 927-1180.

